



NEWS RELEASE

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## **YMCA of Brockville and Area & YMCA of Kingston Agree to Unify**

The YMCA of Brockville and Area & the YMCA of Kingston have agreed to unify into one regional YMCA, to be known as the YMCA of Eastern Ontario.

### **BROCKVILLE & KINGSTON, ONTARIO – November 30, 2018**

We have agreed to become one regional YMCA that will be known as the YMCA of Eastern Ontario. This will strengthen our collective ability to create healthier communities.

The process is being driven by the (JBUC) Joint Board Unification Committee, consisting of three board members from each association, and the CEO. Both Boards voted unanimously to unify into one YMCA, the YMCA of Eastern Ontario.

Across Canada, YMCA associations are exploring regional unification, the goal of which is to strengthen the YMCA's ability to create healthier communities, rich with opportunity, potential, and belonging.

In a joint statement Board Chairs Brad Speck and Jay Rayner stated, "Both organizations are fortunate to have great leaders, volunteers and donors and through this amalgamation the YMCA in this region of Eastern Ontario will have a greater impact, and increase its relevance and sustainability

CEO Rob Adams stated, "This is an exciting time for the YMCA in this region as our team works toward completing the unification process over the next several months. Soon we will begin to see the benefits of what this amalgamation brings in terms of extending our reach and providing more opportunities for Canadians to discover their full potential."

Regular updates will be provided to the community as often as possible, as the project reaches key milestones.

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## BACKGROUND

### ABOUT THE YMCA

The YMCA exists to help build strong, healthy communities. As a worldwide, multi-service charity, the YMCA provides opportunities for personal growth in spirit, mind, and body for all people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and abilities. Programs and services include health, fitness and aquatics, child care, before and after school programs, summer overnight and day camp, employment services, newcomer settlement and language instruction services, and community programs.

#### **YMCA of Brockville and Area**

Since 1860, the YMCA of Brockville and Area has been an important part of the community. The YMCA serves over 8,000 individuals annually through a diverse offering of programs and services in the region of Leeds and Grenville in Eastern Ontario. As a leading charity in the region, no one is turned away from the YMCA due to an inability to pay the full fee. Thanks to our generous donors and volunteers, in 2016 we provided financial assistance to 1 in 4 individuals, total value of \$407,000, welcoming them to be a part of our community. Our YMCA operates the only year-round full-service aquatic facility in the region. Learn more: <https://www.brockvilley.com/>

#### **YMCA of Kingston**

Since 1855, the YMCA of Kingston has been an important community staple, serving 9,000 members annually across 3 branches, including St. Lawrence College. With 11 school age sites and 2 licensed child cares, the YMCA of Kingston is a community-focused Canadian charity dedicated to building strong kids, strong families, and a strong community. As a leading charity in the region, no one is turned away from the YMCA due to inability to pay the full fee. Learn more: <http://www.kingston.ymca.ca/>